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KENTUCKY RECYCLING INTEREST GROUP (KRIG)

The second meeting is being planned for the KRIG June 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. EDT at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. The steering committee met in March to craft the mission and vision statements from preliminary work accomplished during the group's February meeting. The committee also ranked goals for members to work on, with communication, outreach, and promotion of research and development at the top. Members will choose which goal they want to work on at the June meeting.

To register for the meeting, go to the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center Web site at www.kppc.org and then to the KRIG registration link. For more information, contact Fred Kirchhoff or Dara Carlisle at 502-564-6716 or by e-mail at Fred.Kirchhoff@ky.gov or Dara.Carlisle@ky.gov.

EXPORTS BREAK RECORD

Recovered paper exports topped 18.1 million metric tons in 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. That's a 13.6 percent increase from 2006. China is the largest consumer at 59 percent, with India and Canada following. Old corrugated containers (OCC) accounted for almost 29 percent of paper exports, up 2 percent in 2007 even though China bought almost ten percent less U.S. OCC in 2007. Keeping the export figures high, South Korea, Mexico and India bought substantially more OCC in 2007.

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS

Questions abound on the use and disposal of compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). CFLs are much different than the old-style fluorescent tubes that flickered during their slow start-up. The newer bulbs start right up and can be repeatedly turned off and on with little damage to the bulb, unlike the older bulbs. The new CFLs use about 75 percent less energy and produce about 75 percent less heat than standard incandescent bulbs, making them safer. The energy savings amounts to about \$30 over the lifetime of a CFL.

Recycling options for spent CFLs are limited in most areas right now, but more options are becoming available. IKEA stores accept spent CFLs for recycling; other options are household hazardous waste drop-off centers or events. Hazardous waste recyclers and fluorescent lamp recyclers also accept the CFLs, but will charge for the service. For more information on CFLs, check the Energy Star Web site at http://energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls and for clean-up tips if a CFL breaks, check the U.S. EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm>.

PLASTICS

The Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council has an enormous amount of information on plastic. There is a recycled plastic products directory and markets database, plastics statistics, plastics 101, a learning center that features an inquiry-based section on teaching plastics and much more. The Web site is www.americanchemistry.com.

Visit the Division of Waste Management Web Site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov>

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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts. Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

| Paper | \$ per ton | <i>Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From April 5, Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago market.</i> | <u>Previous month</u> | <u>Previous Year</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mixed Paper | 85-90 | | 85-90 | 70-75 |
| Sorted Office | 220-230 | | 220-230 | 150-160 |
| Newsprint #6 | 80-85 | | 80-85 | 60-65 |
| Newsprint #8 | 100-110 | | 100-105 | 85-90 |
| Sorted White Ledger | 310-320 | | 310-320 | 240-250 |
| Corrugated Containers | 110-120 | | 110-120 | 100-110 |
| Plastics | <u>Cents per lb.</u> | <i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted April 11-14. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i> | | |
| Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-soda bottles) | 17 | clear and green (mixed) | 19 | 16 |
| High Density Polyethylene (HDPE-milk jugs) #2 | 38 | natural | 38 | 32 |
| Glass | <u>\$ per ton</u> | <i>From April 14, Waste News, average for truckload quantities, delivered to end-user, Chicago market.</i> | | |
| Clear | 25 | | 25 | 29 |
| Amber | 16 | | 16 | 17 |
| Green | 4 | | 4 | 8 |
| Metals | <u>\$ per lb.</u> | <i>Aluminum from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted April 11-14.</i> | | |
| Aluminum Cans | 1.03 | densified, baled truckload, picked up | 1.02 | 7 |
| | <u>\$ per gross ton</u> | <i>Steel cans from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted April 14-15. Baled, FOB seller's dock.</i> | | |
| Steel Cans | 267 | Clean, used densified cans | 206 | 149 |